Financial assistance to Karnataka under RGGVY

3086. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for rural electrification;

(b) what is the percentage of rural households proposed to be electrified under the above scheme;

(c) the amount of financial assistance sought for; and

(d) what is the status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Yes**,** Sir. In July and August, 2005, Government of Karnataka has submitted 25 Draft Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) with an outlay of Rs. 781.96 crore envisaging electrification of 15,71,343 rural households in the State (which works out to 23 5% of total rural households).

Jobs to youths under RGGVY

3087. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many youths will be provided jobs in Karnataka under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during 2005-06; and

(b) how many villages in Karnataka will be electrified during 2005-06 under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), the projects would be eligible for capital subsidy only if, *inter alia,* the State commits to deploy franchisees for the management of rural distribution. The franchisees could be Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), User Associations, Co-operatives or individual entrepreneurs. This will create employment in rural area. Besides this, the infrastructure being created under the RGGVY scheme will also cater to the requirement of agriculture and other activities including irrigation pumpsets, small and medium industries, khadi and village industries, cold chains, healthcare, education and IT. This will facilitate overall rural development, employment generation and poverty alleviation.